



## **Commission on Children and Youth Meeting Summary December 14, 2016**

**Members Present:** Cecily Adams, Quajalyn Amos, Noor Alsulaihah, Shari Argue, Annieka Attah, Dana Bell, Shruti Bhatnagar, Gina Brown, Ethan Chen, Laura Espinoza, Elias Gonzalez, Lynne Harris, Carson Henry, Lindsay Hoffman, Rachel Kavanagh, Elizabeth Mc Glynn, Dr. Angela Mickalide and Minh Nguyen

**Members Absent:** Adriane Clutter, Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, Danielle Gillon, April Kaplan, Nora Ludden, Tami Nedomanski, Sinclair Redding and Roberta Rinker

**Staff Present:** Erin Stillwell (DHHS)

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Lindsay Hoffman, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.  
Lindsay thanked the youth commissioners for organizing and participating in the *Youth Having a Voice Roundtable*.

**Minutes:** Review of meeting minutes from November 9, 2016

**ACTION:** Meeting minutes were approved with no changes; all in favor

### **Debrief from Roundtable**

- Youth who participated did not appear as familiar with the term “opioid—greater response when provided with the street names of the drugs
- Different populations of participants might have been able to provide different insight into opioid use (e.g., participants who play high school sports and might know of someone who became addicted to prescriptions after a sports injury).
- Next year would be helpful to have an expert in the room on the topics to provide correct information to youth
- Idea to start roundtable with a video clip on the topic

### **MCPS Proposed Budget Discussion**

- Superintendent, Dr. Smith, presented the proposed MCPS FY 18 budget at Gaithersburg HS on 12-13-16
- Proposed increase to the budget
- Highlighted career/apprenticeship programs to focus on assisting youth
- CCY will draft a letter to submit to the BOE-will vote on final version at the January 2017 full commission meeting
- CCY members want letter to highlight issue on recent incidents of racial/religious hatred in schools, express appreciation for Dr. Smith’s vision

to have schools be safe places for all students and teaching tolerance, support of Dr. Smith's plan to pay for all students to be able to take the ACT or SAT

**ACTION:** Share draft letter with entire commission; voted on final version at January 11, 2017 meeting

#### **County Executive Budget Forums**

- 5 sessions in January 2017 to comment on operating budget (Lindsay will attend one of the forums)
- proposed budget will be released in March 2017

#### **Social Media:**

CCY has a Facebook and Twitter account

- To be use for sharing information, not advocacy
- Social media policy will need to be located and reviewed
- Elias agreed to manage the Facebook

#### **MLK Day of Service**

Youth Commissioners created a plan to host a volunteer table at the MLK Day of Service on January 16, 2017

- Create art therapy packs for distribution
- Will need to collect and/or purchase crayons, markers, paints

#### **Sub-Committee Break-Out Sessions**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.